

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, paragraph beginning after "Background Of The Invention" through Page 2, line 17, please amend these paragraphs as follows:

A conventional saw blade clamping device 10 is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,647,133 and Figs. 1 and 2, wherein the clamping device includes a body 11 having a slot 111 for receiving a blade 20 therein and a passage 112 defined in communication with the slot 111. A tube 14 has a rod 13 received therein and the rod 13 includes a rectangular end 131 which fits an inner periphery of the tube 14. A spring 15 is mounted to the rod 13 and biased between the rectangular end 131 and the inside of the tube 14. The rod 13 ~~[[is]]~~ threadedly extends through the body 11 and further has a contact end 12 which is able to contact a side of the blade 20. The body 11 includes a serrated surface 113 and the tube 14 is firmly urged by the spring 15 to contact the serrated surface 113. A user has to pull the tube 14 to remove the tube 14 away from the serrated surface 113 and then rotate the tube 14 so as to move the rod 13 to urge the blade 20 or disengage from the blade 20. The user has to use a force that overcomes the force of the spring 15 and simultaneously, rotate the tube 14. This is ~~in convenient~~ inconvenient for the user to operate the tube 14 in two different directions. Furthermore, it is difficult to estimate the force that the contact end 12 ~~contacting~~ contacts the blade 20.

Figs. 3 and 4 ~~shows the disclosures in~~ show the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,848 ~~which disclose~~ illustrating a blade clamping device 30 including a casing 31 and a base member 32 located in the casing 31. A first end of a biasing member 33 is connected to the base member 32. A blade 40 is engaged with the base member 32 and the biasing member 33 includes a protrusion portion 331 which urges against the blade 40. A lever 34 is pivotally connected to the casing 31 and includes an end that

may ~~pushes~~ push a free second end of the biasing member 33 to remove the protrusion portion 331 away from the blade 40. Although the biasing member 33 is ~~easily~~ easy to operate by operating the lever 34, the biasing member 33 quickly loses its biasing force after frequent operation by the lever 34.

Page 5, first full paragraph (lines 12-20), please amend as follows:

A cam member 554 is pivotably connected through hole 5541 between the two lugs 553 of the base member 55 by a pin 56 and a first end of the cam member 554 is a cam head which is inserted in the first opening and removably contacts the blade 60. A second end of the cam member 554 is a bar 5542. A first torsion spring 556 is mounted to the tube 555 and one of two legs of the first torsion spring 556 is engaged with the slit 5551 and the other leg is inserted in a hole 5543 in the bar 5542 and presses the bar 5542 of the cam member 554. The first torsion spring 556 maintains the cam head to normally contact the blade 60.

Page 6, first full paragraph, lines 8-16, please amend as follows:

As shown in Fig. 9, when releasing the blade 60, the user simply pulls the handle 541 of the lever 54 to let the pushing end 542 ~~goes counter clockwise~~ go counter-clockwise to push the bar 5542 of the cam member 554. The cam head of the cam member 554 is then pivoted away from the blade 60 so that the blade 60 can be removed from the second path 5512 of the passage 551 and a new blade can be installed. When releasing the handle 541, the second torsion spring 545 makes the pushing end 542 pivot clockwise and the first torsion spring 556 pivots the cam head of the cam member 554 to position the blade again.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

Please approve the amendments to the drawings. No new matter has been entered.